

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:*

**Listing of Claims:**

1-26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method of purchasing a money order from a money order system via the Internet for the purchase of goods purchased from an Internet-based auction transaction, wherein the money order is guaranteed by a third party other than a seller or a buyer in the auction transaction, the method including the steps of:

awarding a bid to a buyer for goods to be purchased from a seller from an auction process conducted between said buyer and seller via the Internet on an Internet auction site;

contacting an Internet site for said money order system via the Internet by said buyer with a computing device after said bid is awarded to said buyer by the Internet auction site;

**providing a hyper-link in the auction site to the money order system site;**

transmitting information to said money order system via the Internet to purchase said money order for said sale of said goods won during the auction process with the Internet auction site, said information including at least said buyer's identification, an identification of said seller and a financial amount for the money order, wherein:

said financial amount is related to the bid, and

at least some of said information is processed in a billing server associated with the money order system;

**transmitting credit card information associated with said buyer to said money order system Internet site;**

**electronically processing said credit card information to make available funds needed for said purchase of said money order by said buyer in said money order system site;**

printing a money order from said money order system with a money order dispensing apparatus upon receipt of said transmitted information from said buyer; initiating physical delivery of said generated money order from the money order system to said seller, **whereby the money order can be used to pay the seller for the purchase of the goods;** initiating physical delivery of said goods from said seller to buyer after said money order is printed; **and** ~~providing a hyper-link in the auction site to the money order system site;~~ generating a message from the money order system to at least one of said buyer or seller stating that said money order has been sent to said seller; ~~transmitting credit card information associated with said buyer to said money order system Internet site; and~~ ~~electronically processing said credit card information to make available funds needed for said purchase of said money order by said buyer in said money order system site.~~

28. (Previously Presented) The method of purchasing a money order from a money order system via the Internet for the purchase of goods purchased from an Internet-based auction transaction according to Claim 27, further comprising a step of transmission of funds associated with the credit card information to benefit the money order system.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of purchasing a money order from a money order system via the Internet for the purchase of goods purchased from an Internet-based auction transaction according to Claim 27, further comprising a step of transmitting funds to a bank associated with the money order system to fund the money order.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of purchasing a money order from a money order system via the Internet for the purchase of goods purchased from an Internet-based auction transaction according to Claim 27, further comprising a step of

transmitting funds to a bank associated with the money order system to fund the money order using an automated clearing house (ACH).

31. (Previously Presented) The method of purchasing a money order from a money order system via the Internet for the purchase of goods purchased from an Internet-based auction transaction according to Claim 27, wherein the money order system comprises at least two of:

- a server;
- a firewall;
- a processor;
- the money order dispensing apparatus; and
- a database.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of purchasing a money order from a money order system via the Internet for the purchase of goods purchased from an Internet-based auction transaction according to Claim 27, further comprising steps of:

- establishing a funds account on said buyer's behalf with said money order system, said funds account having a predetermined amount of monetary funds; and
- electronically deducting a predetermined amount of funds from said funds account in accordance with the amount of funds required to generate said money order.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of purchasing a money order from a money order system via the Internet for the purchase of goods purchased from an Internet-based auction transaction according to Claim 27, further comprising a step of communicating with the seller to confirm that the money order has been authorized.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of purchasing a money order from a money order system via the Internet for the purchase of goods purchased from an Internet-based auction transaction according to Claim 27, wherein the money order system

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comprises a database comprising data for submitting an electronic funds transfer request and data for money order authorizations.